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MONTANA TRIBAL NEWS:

GAS STRUCK ON CROW RESERVATION

Natural gas was discovered in the first test well drilled by energy company Ursa Major on the Crow Reservation, the company and tribe announced Tuesday.

The well is 1,253 feet deep, and the first of seven test wells Ursa Major is planning to drill on the on the Dunmore Lease in the northeastern section of the reservation. The discovery was made Friday.

EDA STARTING SEARCH FOR NEW DIRECTOR

By TOM HOWARD, Billings Gazette (12/14/07)

The search for a new executive director for the Big Sky Economic Development Authority is just getting started.

And officials said replacing former Executive Director Joe McClure, whose last day at Big Sky EDA was Dec. 3, could take up to six months.

RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING OFFERED

By Gazette News Services

GLENDIVE - Dawson Community College is offering Reserve Officer Training, a five-credit college course intended to instruct students in the 88 hours of training for reserve police officers required by Montana law.

Developed from the performance objectives of the Montana Law Enforcement Academy's Police Basic Training Course, agencies in DCC's 17-county service

area were asked to review relevant performance objectives from the basic course and identify the types of training a reserve officer should receive.

INDIAN BY IDENTITY: A LOOK INSIDE TRIBAL ENROLLMENT

By Alyssa Kelly, Char-Koosta (12/13/07)

PABLO — "Enrollment is just a tracking number for individual members of a tribe. It keeps the tribes on a federally recognized level," says CS&KT enrollment specialist Lawrence Kenmille. "But it doesn't mean you are or you aren't an Indian by identity."

BLACKFEET MEMBERSHIP RECEIVES \$75 PER-CAPITAL PAYMENT IN TIME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

By John McGill, Glacier Reporter (12/12/07)

Employees at the Blackfeet Enrollment Department spent most of last week preparing some 13,600 checks for \$75 apiece, destined to be given and mailed out to the Blackfeet tribal membership in the annual per-capita payment.

BAUCUS' PROVISIONS STRIPPED FROM ENERGY BILL

By NOELLE STRAUB - Lee Washington Bureau – (12/14/07)

WASHINGTON — Massive renewable energy incentives and more than \$93 million for Montana rural schools and counties were stripped from the energy bill Thursday

after a tax package authored by Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., fell short by one vote.

COBELL: HISTORICAL ACCOUNTING FAR FROM ACCURATE

Indianz.com (12/14/07)

"Something dramatic and important has happened in the class action lawsuit I filed 11 years ago over the government's admitted mismanagement of the Indian Trust.

It should trouble everyone in Indian country because it signals a 180-degree turn in the way the Interior Department plans its long-promised accounting.

Gone are the government's initial, frank admissions of bungling the trust. In their place are new and troubling claims that the trust was actually well-managed. What losses the government says it can find are relatively small, perhaps several million dollars, since the trust was imposed in 1887.

JOB VACANCIES:

TRIBAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT OFFICE (BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST); POSITION #: 05178; LOCATION: Helena; DIVISION: Business Resources; PAY BAND: 6; STATUS: Permanent, Full-Time; JOB CODE: 131936; SUPPLEMENT: YES
ANNUAL SALARY: \$36,192 - \$45,240. (Depending on experience, continuous service and salaries of existing employees). Application Deadline: Applications must be submitted to a Montana Job Service Office or the Montana Department of Commerce, Personnel Office, PO Box 200501, Helena MT 59620-0501. Applications must be received or postmarked by the closing date of January 20, 2008. The Montana Department of Commerce will accept FAXED application materials and electronic application materials via E-mail to docapplicants@mt.gov.

ASSISTANT OR ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF EXERCISE PHYSIOLOGY

University of Montana.
The Health and Human Performance Department at the University of Montana is accepting applications for a 10 month, tenure track Assistant or Associate Professor of Exercise Physiology position to begin August, 2008. Be part of a vibrant, fast-growing department deeply rooted in active student learning with a dynamic and collaborative faculty. The University of Montana is located in the Rocky Mountain grandeur of western Montana midway between Yellowstone and Glacier National Parks. Responsibilities include: teaching undergraduate and graduate courses in applied areas of Exercise Science based on personal skills and departmental need; guidance of undergraduate and graduate student research; and academic advising. Faculty members are expected to engage in department, school, university and professional service. Applicants must demonstrate a record of, or show potential for, excellence in research or scholarly activities, publications and extramural funding. Required qualifications include: An earned doctorate in Exercise Physiology or a closely related field; evidence of scholarly achievements and potential; evidence of successful classroom and/or laboratory teaching experience and evidence of ability to work in a collegial atmosphere with students and colleagues. Current ACSM or NCSA certification recommended. Applications must include a letter of application, current and projected research agenda, current vita, official transcripts of all graduate work, and three current letters of reference by *February*

1 to: Exercise Science Search Committee Chair, The University of Montana, Department of Health and Human Performance, 32 Campus Drive, Missoula, Montana 59812. We invite you to call us at (406) 243-4211. Visit the HHP web site at <http://www.soe.umt.edu/hhp>. The full job posting is listed at <http://www.umt.edu/hrs/FAC/aaep.html>.

SALARY: Salary is dependent upon qualifications.

AA/EOE/ADA/Veterans Preference Employer

GRANTS/OPPORTUNITIES:

INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH IN HOMELAND SECURITY SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY MISSION AREAS

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Science and Technology (S&T) Directorate is soliciting applications for international research projects aligned with the mission and requirements of DHS S&T. These projects should be designed to augment and complement, through international research and collaboration, the depth and breadth of homeland security science and technology research. Specifically, the S&T Directorate seeks proposals that will contribute to homeland security science and technology, including but not limited to: • Evaluation of novel tools or approaches to confronting homeland security challenges; • Basic research to provide data, understandings, or models that support S&T efforts or policy decisions; and • S&T and operations research evaluations to support revolutionary improvements in DHS's mission and its component agencies' operations.

Estimated Total Program Funding: \$1,200,000

Award Ceiling: \$250,000

Current Closing Date for Applications: Feb 01, 2008

BDJV FY08 COMPETITIVE GRANT PROGRAM

The Black Duck Joint Venture (BDJV) is a partnership-based conservation program under the North American Waterfowl Management Plan that promotes the conservation of Black Ducks by providing greater knowledge for effective management. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, a partner in the BDJV, administers grants and purchase orders on a competitive basis for projects/studies that advance both our and the general scientific community's understanding of Black Duck biology and ecology and is seeking proposals from interested parties. The BDJV will accept proposal addressing any aspect of black duck ecology and management, but proposals that address priority research needs (see full announcement) will have a greater probability of funding. In addition to the high priority research needs identified in the full announcement, in Fiscal Year 2008 the BDJV is particularly interested in proposal addressing questions about the apparent decline in black duck productivity and projects linking black duck vital rates to habitat features. The BDJV is currently supporting several research projects addressing high priority research needs (see full announcement) but will accept new proposals addressing these topics. The BDJV is receptive to funding annual projects as well as a limited number of multi-year (up to 3 years) projects. Successful multi-year projects will be funded in 1-year increments, subject to annual review, demonstration of suitable progress, and funds availability. After 3 years of consecutive funding, those projects may reapply and compete for BDJV funds in one-year increments only and they will be re-evaluated based on their continued merit.

Estimated Total Program Funding: \$85,000

Award Ceiling: \$85,000

Current Closing Date for Applications: Feb 01, 2008

AMERICAN HEALTH INFORMATION COMMUNITY SUCCESSIVE

The Department is looking for a private entity to create an independent public-private partnership to succeed AHIC. The entity must be results-oriented, inclusive, and coordinated with quality and transparency initiatives. It is intended for the AHIC successor entity to bring together both public and private, not-for-profit and for-profit entities that represent all sectors of the health community, including the substantial role represented by the federal government, to accelerate the emergence of a nationwide interoperable health information system.

Estimated Total Program Funding: \$13,000,000

Award Ceiling: \$13,000,000
Current Closing Date for Applications: Jan 07, 2008

PUBLIC HOUSING NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORKS PROGRAM

Purpose of the Program: The purpose of the Public Housing Neighborhood Networks (NN) Program is to provide grants to public housing authorities (PHAs) to: (a) update and expand existing NN community technology centers; or (b) establish new NN centers. Further explanation can be found in the Program Section (NOFA) FR-5159-N-01.

Current Closing Date for Applications: Feb 15, 2008

(AGING) GRANT PROGRAM ENSURES FUNDS DURING DISASTERS

(December 7, 2007)

Agency: Health & Human Services Dept. (Admin. on Aging); **Program:** Disaster Assistance for State Units on Aging & Tribal Organizations in Nat'l Disasters Declared by the President (CFDA Number: 93.048); **Eligibility:** State and tribal governments; **Funding:** \$500,000 for up to five awards; **Deadline:** Sept. 19.

Purpose: Grants provide disaster reimbursement and assistance funds to states and tribal organizations receiving a grant under Title VI of the Older Americans Act (OAA).

These funds only become available when the president declares a national disaster, and may only be used in those areas designated in the disaster declaration.

Editor's note: Applicants in areas prone to disaster declarations should familiarize themselves with this program. The FY 2008 guidance hasn't been released, but reviewing the FY 2007 version should be helpful because major changes aren't expected. Applicants should contact the program officer for info on the program, including when this year's guidance will be available.

Info: Stephen Daniels (grants management questions), 202/357-3464; e-mail, Stephen.Daniels@aoa.hhs.gov; Irma Tetzloff (program officer), 202/357-3525; e-mail, Irma.Tetzloff@aoa.hhs.gov; for last year's guidance, please visit www.cdpublications.com/docs/4693 and click on the link provided

(NATIVE AMERICAN) LIBRARIES RECEIVE ENHANCEMENT FUNDING

(December 7, 2007)

Agency: Institute of Museum & Library Science (IMLS); **Program:** Native American Library Services Enhancement Grants (CFDA Number: 45.311); **Eligibility:** Native American tribal governments; **Funding:** Grants up to \$150,000 each; **Deadline:** May 1.

Purpose: Funds may enhance existing library services or implement new library services. The grant seeks to:

Expand services for learning and access to information and educational resources in a variety of formats, in all types of libraries, for individuals of all ages.

Develop library services that provide all users with access to information through local, state, regional, national, and international electronic networks.

Provide electronic and other linkages between and among all types of libraries.

Develop public and private partnerships with other agencies and community-based organizations.

Target library services to help increase access and ability to use information resources for individuals of diverse geographic, cultural, and socioeconomic backgrounds, individuals with disabilities, and individuals with limited functional literacy or information skills.

Target library and information services to help increase access and ability to use information resources for persons having difficulty using a library and for underserved urban and rural communities.

Editor's note: Libraries, schools, tribal colleges, or departments of education are not eligible applicants, although may be involved in the administration of this program and their staff may serve as project directors, in partnership with an eligible applicant. A tribe must submit a Basic Grant application in the same fiscal year to be eligible to apply for an Enhancement Grant.

Info: Allison Freese, 202/653-4665; e-mail, afreese@imls.gov; for grant guidance, please visit www.cdpublications.com/docs/4691 (pages 25-57) and click on the link provided

(NATIVE AMERICAN) LIBRARIES RECEIVE BASIC OPERATIONS FUNDING

(December 7, 2007)

(NATIVE AMERICAN) Libraries Receive Operations Funding

Agency: Institute of Museum & Library Science; **Program:** Native American Library Services Basic Grants (CFDA Number: 45.311); **Eligibility:** Native American tribal governments; **Funding:** Grants up to \$6,000 each; **Deadline:** March 3.

Purpose: Basic Grants are available to support existing library operations and to maintain core library services. These grants are for one year and cannot be extended, meaning a new application must be submitted each fiscal year.

At a minimum, an applicant should be able to document an existing library that meets three basic criteria: (1) regularly scheduled hours, (2) staff, and (3) materials available for library users. Basic Grants are noncompetitive grants to eligible tribes and Alaska Native villages or corporations, distributed in equal amounts among all eligible applicant tribes.

Funds may be used to:

Expand services for learning and access to info and educational resources in a variety of formats, in all types of libraries, for individuals of all ages.

Develop library services that provide all users with access to information through local, state, regional, national and international electronic networks.

Provide electronic and other linkages between and among all types of libraries.

Develop public and private partnerships with other agencies and community-based organizations.

Target library services to help increase access and ability to use information resources for individuals of diverse geographic, cultural, and socioeconomic backgrounds, individuals with disabilities, and individuals with limited functional literacy or information skills

Target library and information services to help increase access and ability to use info resources for persons having difficulty using a library and for underserved urban and rural communities.

The Education/Assessment Option provides funding for library staff to attend library-related continuing education courses and training workshops on- or offsite; for library staff to attend or give presentations at conferences related to library services; and to hire a consultant for an onsite professional library assessment.

Info: Allison Freese, 202/653-4665; e-mail, afreese@imls.gov; for grant guidance, please visit www.cdpublications.com/docs/4691 (pages 12-23) and click on the link provided

(COMMUNITY SAFETY) INSTITUTE FUNDS RESEARCH GRANT UP TO \$400,000

(December 7, 2007)

Agency: Justice Dept.—DOJ (Nat'l Institute of Justice—NIJ); **Program:** Crime & Justice Research (CFDA Number: 16.560); **Eligibility:** Governments, tribes and nonprofits; **Funding:** \$4 million for grants from \$100,000 to \$400,000 each; **Deadline:** March 5.

Purpose: NIJ is DOJ's research, development, and evaluation agency and a component of the Office of Justice Programs. It provides objective, independent, evidence-based knowledge and tools to enhance the administration of justice and public safety. NIJ solicits applications to inform its search for the knowledge and tools to guide policy and practice.

Applications should focus on social and behavioral research on crime and justice topics relevant to state and local criminal and juvenile justice policy and practice.

Info: Andrew Goldberg, 202/307-1135; e-mail, andrew.golberg@usdoj.gov; for grant guidance, please visit www.cdpublications.com/docs/4692 and click on the link provided

(JANUARY DEADLINE) MACARTHUR INCREASES AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITMENT

(December 6, 2007)

(Deadline: Jan. 29) The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation will provide \$35 million in new funding for innovative public-sector initiatives designed to preserve and improve the existing stock of privately owned affordable rental homes in the United States.

Up to 10 states and localities will receive awards in 2008. These awards will include grants and program-related investments ranging from \$250,000 to \$5 million. All funds must be used on a significant preservation initiative.

Eligible entities include city, county and state governments and formal collaborations among several governmental units operating in a common geographic region.

Applicants should oversee key sources of funding and subsidy for developers and owners of affordable rental housing, including Community Development Block Grants, local affordable housing trust funds, and proceeds from tax increment financing districts. State agencies applying for these awards should be responsible for allocating Low Income Housing Tax Credits, private activity bonds and major state-funded resources for affordable housing. Public housing authorities are not eligible.

A conference call is scheduled for Dec. 19 at noon for MacArthur staff to answer applicant questions.

(MARCH DEADLINE) KRESGE MAKES MAJOR GRANT CHANGES

(December 5, 2007)

(Deadline: March 31) The Kresge Foundation reworks its Challenge Grant Program to better support nonprofits working to address society's pressing issues in six fields of interest: health, the environment, arts and culture, education, human services, and community development.

The foundation remains focused on helping nonprofits strengthen their long-term sustainability, but wants nonprofits to become better at strategic planning and development and to increase staff ability to assess organizational need and plan accordingly.

A major aspect of the reworking is that letters of intent will be the initial communication. The hope is that this change will make the grant application process more accessible to a larger and more diverse array of nonprofits.

To facilitate this change in the process, Kresge will accept both letters of intent and full proposals until March 31. Beginning April 1, only letters of intent will be accepted. Letter of intent will be submitted electronically.

Other changes include:

Community colleges are eligible to apply for challenge grants. This change recognizes the pivotal role accredited associates-degree granting institutions play in educating

low-income and non-traditional students, Kresge officials say.

The evaluation methods will now focus on the Kresge's nine core values: creating opportunity; community impact; institutional transformation; risk; environmental conservation; innovation; collaboration; underserved geography; and diversity.

Kresge officials say the foundation will remain a supporter of brick and mortar projects. They point out the grant program historically has funded nonprofits engaging in comprehensive campaigns designed to support institutional growth through the construction of new facilities as well as the acquisition or renovation of existing facilities, the purchase of real property, and the purchase of major integrated equipment systems.

Info: Grants inquiry coordinator, 248-643-9630; for more on the foundation, please visit www.cdpublications.com/docs/4672 and click on the link provided

(NATIVE AMERICAN) ACF CONSIDERS CHANGES TO CCDF TRIBAL REPORTING

(December 5, 2007)

(Deadline: Jan. 5) The Admin. for Children & Families (ACF) wants to hear from tribes and tribal organizations about the current form used to report Child Care & Development Fund (CCDF) expenditures.

The annual CCDF financial reporting form (ACF-696T), which expires April 30, provides a mechanism for tribes to report expenditures under the program. CCDF provides funds to tribes, as well as states and territories, to assist low-income families in obtaining child care so that they can work or attend training/education, and to improve the quality of care.

The reporting is used by ACF to monitor tribal expenditures and to estimate outlays, and may be used to prepare ACF budget submissions to Congress.

ACF is a sub-agency of the Health & Human Services Dept.

Info: e-mail infocollection@acf.hhs.gov, include CCDF Annual Financial Report for Tribes (ACF—696T) in subject line

(NATIVE AMERICAN) DOJ OFFERS TRIBAL COURT ASSISTANCE

(December 4, 2007)

Agency: Justice Dept. (Bureau of Justice Assistance); **Program:** Tribal Courts Assistance Program (CFDA Number: 16.608); **Eligibility:** Native American Tribal Governments; **Funding:** Grants up to \$200,000; **Deadline:** Feb. 7.

Purpose: The program develops new tribal courts, improves the operations of existing tribal courts, and provides funding for technical assistance and training of tribal court staff. The program's goals are to (1) provide planning grants to develop a comprehensive strategy and implementation plan to establish a court; and (2) provide

grants for an existing tribal court system to enhance tribal court services.

Info: Bob Brown, 202/616-3297; e-mail, robert.brown@usdoj.gov

(FEBRUARY DEADLINE) CONTEST FOCUSES ON RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

(December 3, 2007)

(Deadline: Feb. 1) The U.S. Institute of Peace starts the National Peace Essay Contest to expand educational opportunities for America's youth.

This round's topic is "Natural Resources and Conflict." Participants must write a 1,500-word essay on the necessary elements for the development of fair, peaceful, or effective use of natural resources after a conflict.

Applicants must be in grades 9-12. First-place state-level winners are awarded \$1,000 each and compete for national awards. National awards include one first-place award of \$10,000; one second-place award of \$5,000; and one third-place award of \$2,500. First-place state winners are also invited to Washington, D.C., for the awards program. The institute pays for expenses related to the program, including travel, lodging, meals, and entertainment.

Info: For more on the contest, please visit www.cdpublications.com/docs/4650

(TRANSPORTATION) GRANTEES WILL PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

(November 28, 2007)

Agency: Agriculture Dept. (Rural Business-Cooperative Service); **Program:** Rural Business Enterprise Grant Program—Rural Transportation (CFDA Number: 10.769); **Eligibility:** National nonprofits with experience in providing technical assistance and training to rural communities for the purpose of improving passenger transportation service or facilities; **Funding:** TBD; **Deadline:** Jan. 31 (pre-application).

Purpose: Funds go for two programs—technical assistance for overall rural transportation programs and technical assistance for tribal transportation programs. The program seeks to improve the transportation conditions in rural areas through assistance from national nonprofits. Assistance may include: on-site technical assistance to local and regional governments, public transit agencies, and related nonprofits and for-profits; development of training materials; and the provision of necessary training assistance to local officials and agencies in rural areas.

Program doesn't require matching funds. Applicants should contact Rural Development State Offices for copies of the application. A list is included in the *Federal Register* notice.

Info: Cindy Mason, 202/690-1433;